

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Great Revival in North Carolina

Most Wonderful and Soul Stirring Meeting Ever Held in This County

SHOOTING CREEK, N. C.—On August 11, 1924, Zeno Sharp and wife of East Chattanooga, Tenn., Sisters Caruthers, Ethel Lee, Brother Curtis and J. W. Sellers and wife, of Cleveland, Tenn., erected a small tent and began a meeting in our midst. Sister Pauline Moore of Tusquitee, rendered valuable service at the organ and in the altar. The meeting had not been very extensively advertised, but from the very beginning the tent would not accommodate the people, especially at the night services.

Brother Sharp began preaching the Word so straight and clean that it seemed to some that very little good would be accomplished, but we remember the Bible says, "For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." and "It shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." According to Heb. 4:12 and Isaiah 55:11, respectively.

To our happy surprise, before an altar rail was erected, which was not ready for the first few services, at the first invitation hungry souls bowed around the rostrum and began seeking after the Lord. So when they began seeking after the Lord and the Lord seeking them, it was not long until shouts and praises and demonstrations of God's wonderful love and power was seen, heard and felt about the little tent. Of course, a good altar rail was immediately erected and from that time forth until the close of the meeting there were so many seeking the Lord that it was very difficult at times for the altar workers to get to all that were in the altar. Many, no doubt, failed to come to the altar and seek the Lord, on account of insufficient room to kneel. Some of the number who were so wonderfully blessed received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at their work in the woods and at their homes. One sister, a good Methodist woman, received the Holy Ghost at her home and when she called one of her friends over the telephone to relate the good news, He (the Holy Ghost) conveyed the message in a language not understood, which was heard by the President and Operator of the Clay County Telephone Company, and others who had telephone boxes on this particular party line.

This was certainly not a protracted meeting, but a REVIVAL. Many remarked that it was the most wonderful and soul-stirring meeting that had ever been held in this county. Truly it was wonderful. The attention and behavior of the hundreds that were in attendance in this new place for a Church of God meeting, was indeed very commendable and for this respect may God bless many others. The kindness and hospitality of this people will not

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GREAT REVIVAL IN MISSISSIPPI

SHAW, Miss.—We have just arrived from Mississippi, and in spite of the fact that the work in some places is in bad shape, God is blessing and reviving the saints. In the meeting here there were about 6 who received the Holy Ghost, 10 sanctified, and 2 were saved and 10 came in the church. We went from here to Cleveland, Mississippi, where there were 44 who received the Holy Ghost, and many others blessed up to the time when I left. There were several services held by the district overseer in which several received the blessing. In all there were about 50 who joined the church. I found the work at Kimberly in fine shape and the saints shouting the victory. I expect to visit the churches and do all I can for the work of the Lord. Should anyone need me, write to me at the address below.—W. E. Raney Box 63, Kimberly, Ala.

Beware of False Prophets

My Sheep Hear My Voice, and I Know Them, and They Follow Me.

By R. W. Crider
"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (Matt. 7:15.)

If there was ever a time of false prophets and teachers it is now. There are so many doctrines being taught over the country, that it is to our advantage to know the Doctrine of Jesus Christ.

"A false balance is abomination to the Lord; but a just weight is his delight." They teach repentance and then say that you can't live here without sinning. Therefore leaving an unjust weight upon the minds of the people. We should look and beware of such teachings; for I don't believe that God will excuse us for heeding the false doctrine; because He has given us His Word and warned us, "Beware of false prophets."

The writer once knew a man who stood foursquare for the Church of God (but departed), and three years later passed by a little band of saints and threw in a little poison; and the little flock not knowing, followed saying, "He is right; we are getting back on the old path." "Lest thou shouldst ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them. Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the Words of my mouth." (Prov. 5:6, 7.)

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A MILD PROTEST

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NECESSARY. IN SUBSECTION ONE TO ANOTHER

F. J. Lee, General Overseer

I want to make a mild protest, not that I am feeling bad towards any one, but just want to rectify a little matter that is going the round. I don't know for sure who started this which I shall mention, but it is done by those who are at enmity to those who are in control of the affairs at the Evangel Office. The Assembly placed J. S. Llewellyn, J. B. Ellis and F. J. Lee at Headquarters as Executive Council which means that these three men are to carry out the plans and rulings as set forth by the Assembly. As the President of the United States is referred to as the "Chief Executive," this shows that there are other executives with him.

Now here is the little "mud slinging." I will make mention of it. It is going the rounds that Brother Lee and Brother Boehmer who are stationed at the office will not turn their hand to do one thing until they run and ask Brother Llewellyn about it. I just want to state that this "mud" doesn't come from our own ranks, but from just across the fence. We have heard it so often that we have gotten used to it, but to ease the minds of those who are wondering about this, we want to offer this word of protest and tell you this is all buncombe and bosh, that is, it is empty, without foundation, but sent out for policy sake.

Now here is the truth of the matter, the business is not a one-man rule any more for we still have the twelve and the seventy elders, also an Executive Council. The General Overseer doesn't dictate altogether what shall go now, thank the Lord! But we are all in subsection one to another just like Peter said we should be. (1 Pet. 5:5.) Brother Llewellyn attends to his business, Brother Ellis when he was here attended to his business Brother Boehmer attends to his business, and F. J. Lee attends to his business. Brother Boehmer is perfectly familiar with his business, he keeps his records according to his own plan and the rest of us have to go to him many times for knowledge of the work on

the field, he is able to keep us posted.

Brother Ellis had control of the Bible School, and the rest of us didn't dictate how he should do in his affairs. Now in the same way with Brother Llewellyn and myself, each looks after his own business. He is supposed to run the Evangel Office with all the affairs connected with it, also he is Treasurer of all money received at Headquarters, Orphanage and all except the tithe of tithes, Brother Boehmer as Treasurer receives this. Brother Llewellyn was appointed Chairman of the Orphanage Committee so these two offices thrown together puts him in connection with the other two men, in active control of the Orphanage.

Brother Llewellyn is looked upon by the Assembly as the business side of the Executive Council, and we are glad he is and the rest of the Council honors him as such. Since the Assembly of 1922, the spiritual side and business side of this great work is not involved upon one man. The General Overseer went out from that Assembly to attend to his end of the Church of God which was the spiritual end, the other men were to look after their side of the great cause, yet when necessary we were to advise with each other about matters.

Everything on the field as concerning the churches, their spiritual welfare, or any friction or trouble whatever is referred to the General Overseer, he is supposed to look after the spiritual side of the work, he receives hundreds of letters and answers them that the other brethren never see or know what decision or advice is given, the other Councilmen never know who we license or ordain to the ministry or even whose ministry we revoke.

We consider that this Executive Council, has been, and is, a great blessing to the Church, and the good part about it is, "we agree, we don't become jealous of each other, every fellow attends to his own business." Many other things we could say concerning this, but will close for this time.

LARGE CROWDS—GOOD BEHAVIOR

ROSWELL, Ga.—During the eleven-days' meeting held here, which was the first holiness revival, the Lord wonderfully blessed. There were from 150 to 350 in attendance every night and listened attentively to the Word of God, and the officials of the town gave us the best co-operation in keeping order, and arranging the automobiles. We appreciate their service and pray God's blessings upon them. Bro. A. Gann and some of the members of the Church of God at Atlanta were with us several nights and others whose service proved invaluable to the meeting. The people here like the singing and preaching and, seemingly, are looking toward the Church of God. May the Lord bless the saints at this place and keep them in the faith.—Walter L. Shutter, Cowan, Tenn.

Hearts Touched—Desires Salvation

HEFLIN, Ala.—During the two-weeks' meeting held at Crumleys chapel church the Lord wonderfully blessed, and there were 3 saved, 2 sanctified, 1 received the Baptism, and the crowds were large and very attentive unto the Word of God. Two followed the Lord in water baptism and 2 were added to the church. The Lord wonderfully blessed Brothers W. A. Walker and Frank Rudisill in the giving out of the Word, and many hearts were touched and made to desire for the experience of salvation; and though the devil made many people mad, the Lord continued to pour out His blessings upon His children. Praise God! Pray for us here at Crumleys Chapel that we may be true.—W. F. McCormick, Clerk, R. 8, Heflin, Ala.

GOOD REVIVAL—PEOPLE STIRRED

DAVISBORO, Ga.—Our revival is now going on with good interest, and the Lord is wonderfully blessing the people. An old gentleman suffering with diabetes staggered to the altar, followed by his daughter, wife and sister-in-law; afterward one grandson. The man was saved, sanctified and wonderfully helped bodily; one lady went away in the Spirit of seeking God, and had to be carried to a conveyance and hauled home,—people are stirred over "this way." Brothers Jim Martin of Statesboro and J. Horton and the pastor have the meeting in charge, but the sweet Holy Ghost is running it. Bless the Lord! Pray that God will glorify His name and vindicate His cause before this crooked and perverse generation. There have been up to the present 3 reclaimed, 2 sanctified, 1 saved, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for our success.—Mary D. Rouse, Pastor.

A CLOSE WALK WITH JESUS

If Ye Abide in Me, and My Words Abide in You, Ye Shall Ask What Ye Will, and it Shall Be Done Unto You.

Dora E. Davidson
In St. John, 15:5, we read: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." Now my dear readers, if we are branches of the VINE (which is the Lord Jesus), we have something to do. We know that the branches of a vine put forth, and remain branches of the vine; and bear fruit in their season. So do we, who are CHRISTIANS; we will bear the fruit that the vine produces. "We shall bring forth much fruit." But do you suppose that the branches of a vine would bring forth much fruit if they were cut from the vine? No, they would not. Neither can we that are the branches of the VINE (Jesus Christ) bear fruit if we be cut from Him.

Now there are many ways that we may be cut from this VINE: We may neglect our Christian duties; fail to pray, to take part in the Lord's worship as we should; go to shows and other places, where we feel quite sure that our Lord (Vine) would not go; fail to speak a kind word to some wayward one, that needs a friend and a Saviour. O, there are just lots of ways whereby, we may be separated from the VINE. I know that the TRUE Christian of today, has great combats with the devil. He is doing all that he can to get them separated from the VINE (Jesus).

We have related some of the things that tend to the excommunication of us to the VINE, (Jesus), now let us look at some that will help to unite us to the VINE that we may bear fruit: Do our Christian duties; do all that we can for those that are downhearted and friendless; speak kind words and do kind deeds. These and many other things

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Church of God Coming to Front

The Country is Stirred—28 received the Holy Ghost—altar filled With Seekers.

By William Black
SHEPHERDS FOLD, LA.—On the second Sunday of July the Lord came down in a wonderful way and blessed. The power came on one brother and it seemed he received the gift of prophecy—he prophesied three hours and brought many things to light and the church was edified and the people uplifted. He told of future events which have so far come to pass. He told of a revival that was to come and it came.

On July 20, we opened fire on the enemy and in six days 24 had received the Holy Ghost and 42 in the altar crying out to God. As the state convention was to begin August 1, we left and came to Shepherds Fold to enjoy the convention; which was indeed a wonderful success. The program was as follows:

Friday
7:30 p. m. Song and prayer
8:00 p. m. Introduction by Wm. Black
8:30 p. m. Sermon, "Stick to the gospel." by B. L. Hicks
Saturday
10:00 a. m. Song and prayer.
10:30 a. m. Sermon by Esther Williams
7:30 p. m. Song and prayer testimony service free to all, conducted by B. C. Erwin.
8:00 p. m. Sermon "The Church of God," by T. A. Richard.
8:30 p. m. Sermon "The most needful things" by B. L. Hicks
9:30 p. m. Altar service

Sunday
10:00 a. m. Song and prayer.
10:30 a. m. Sermon by Wm. H. Black
2:00 p. m. Song and prayer
2:30 p. m. Financial report from the clerk of each church
7:30 p. m. Song and prayer
8:00 p. m. General collection for the well

10:00 p. m. The close of the convention
I want to say the Lord had a hand in sending Brother Hicks here. He sure did stress his subject "we feel like sticking now" and after the sermon the altar was filled with earnest seekers, and 2 were reclaimed 14 crying out to God. Then came the sermon "we feel like standing" by Sister Williams which was enjoyed by all, and followed with the respond of the churches in the state; the Lord blessing wonderfully in this part of the service.

On Saturday night an all-around testimony service conducted by Brother B. C. Erwin; the power falling and all expressing themselves with a determination of going all the way; and followed with a sermon by Brother Hicks, who made us to know that we should add to our faith, and we feel as though we are climbing. While the people were enjoying the good things of the Lord we gave them a chance to help us with means to put a well on the church ground, and we are looking forward to a camp ground in Louisiana.

Next was a sermon by the writer taking for a text Acts 27:31, trying to impress on the minds of the people the impor-

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We will do our best to keep from making mistakes, but if we make a mistake we will take pleasure in correcting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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We notice on the Church and ministers reports, in space provided for, remarks that a great number of very successful revivals are being conducted by our pastors and evangelists, and very few reports written up and sent in for publication in the Evangel. Now, I know that a number of our ministers want to refrain from the disposition of advertising themselves to become unduly prominent; and in a way, of course, that is alright, but in another way, it is not. Our readers need to get these reports. They would be encouraging to others to make a special effort along the same line, and thereby be the means of promoting a great number of many souls and the upbuilding of the Church. Therefore, I want to appeal to, and insist that, all our ministers either report their meetings to the Evangel or see that some one else does it. I deem this matter of great importance and that it deserves more attention than has been the common practice. Let us hear from you.

I have been recently informed that the enemy was undertaking to circulate that the Church of God was under an injunction, and I want to say for the benefit of our readers and friends that certain opposers about the 28th day of March Injoined us and we were under this injunction until about the 16th day of Apr.; when the court heard a motion to dissolve, which was done and a copy of the decree dissolving this injunction approved in the columns of this paper in the latter part of April.

Be sure and make your arrangements to attend the 19th Annual Assembly of the Churches of God to convene at the Church of God Auditorium Oct. 29-November 4. Everything bids fair for one of the greatest Assemblies in the history of the Church. Don't fail to come; make arrangements now.

EXPLANATION

Among all the tracts of insinuations against myself I have never felt that I should try to defend myself because I knew the people of the Church of God had become acquainted with me, they with the whole city of Cleveland having a record of my life from an infant, I felt it not necessary. But a certain tract went out about me going to Sister Richards AFTER NIGHT and awaking her and getting her up and dictating a letter for her to write. This, I felt I must let the people know wasn't as had been narrated. I mentioned that I didn't want to say much on this subject in the paper. I didn't want to bother with it, then closed with as few words

IN MEMORY OF

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

JONES

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parley Jones August 17, 1924, and claimed their darling child Omelaver, who was a loving little child and loved by all who knew her. She was permitted to live in this world one year; but God in His wisdom saw best to call her unto Himself.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer and her body laid to rest in the Etna Mount cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—F. M. Basham.

CAMPBELL

On August 21, 1924, little David Campbell; age nineteen months and ten days, went home to be with Jesus. David was a loving little baby and loved by all who knew him, and papa and mother misses him so much but we know he is safe in the arms of Jesus and awaiting us to come; which we expect to do by the grace of God.

Little David leaves to mourn his death father and mother, five sisters, two brothers, to half-brothers, grandparents and many friends and other relatives; but we weep not as those who have no hope, for we expect to meet him again.

The deceased was laid to rest in Hucker cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell

BOBBITT

On January 31, 1924, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Bobbitt and claimed their little baby, Dames, age eleven months, twenty-nine days. He was a sweet and loving child and all was done for him that loving hands could find to do; but God deemed best to take him unto Himself.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother R. M. Sexton and his little body laid to rest till the first resurrection morning. He leaves a father, mother, two brothers, and three sisters with many other relatives and friends to mourn his death. Yet we know that God doeth all things well, and we can say, "Thy will be done," and we weep not as those who have no hope, for we expect to go and be with him some day.

We loved you, yes we loved you,
But Jesus loved you more;
And He has sweetly called you,
To yonder's shining shore.

The golden gates were open,
A gentle voice said "Come";
And with farewells unspoken,
You calmly entered home.

A brother in the Lord.—E. L. Poe, Independence, Va.

ADAMS

In memory of Mrs. Lillie Adams of Sale Creek, Tenn. She was born October 20th 1895, died August 16th 1924. She leaves to mourn her loss a mother, three sisters, and one brother. She also leaves three small children to the mercies of this world; their father having died this last January.

The relatives and friends of the children are seeking their admittance to the Orphanage Home at Cleveland, Tennessee, where they will be trained to love and fear God. Sister Adams was a well wisher for the Church of God.—J. W. Nelson.

PRIVETT

On July 13th at 12:20 o'clock the death angel entered the home of Sister Privett and claimed her darling baby Otis Lee, age three years, seven months and seven days. She was a sweet little child.

She leaves a mother, brother and a host of relatives to mourn her death. But we weep not as those who have no hope for we know our loss is heaven's gain and we hope to meet her on heaven's shore where partings come no more.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Stirling Smith and her body was laid to rest in the Pleasant ing of our Lord.

Run cemetery to await the soon coming of our Lord.

Jesus has taken a beautiful bud out of our garden of love,
Borne it away to the city of God—home of the angels above.

Gathering buds, gathering buds,
wonderful care will be given;
Jesus is gathering day after day
buds for the palace of heaven.

Her cousin—Miss Lucy Thomas, Williamsburg, Ky.

as possible.

Now as Luther seems to think that I am trying to make it appear that I didn't go at all, I just want to announce here that this idea never entered my mind. I did stop in and see Sister Richards, but did not dictate one word for her to write. This was one morning about eight or nine o'clock. A certain sister had told me Sister Richards was thinking of writing, then Sister Richards also said she was aiming to write, as she states in her letter. They then told me about what Luther's wife had said, as Sister Richards states in her letter, this, I had never heard before.

Now, to all of Luther's sympathizers, I will say again, I never have denied seeing Sister Richards, but deny going after night and dictating a letter as his tract shows, but encouraged her to write.

F. J. Lee

WORD DECLARED—DEVIL DEPARTED

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—In the meeting just closed here the Word of God was wonderfully expounded and the full counsel of the gospel was declared thru the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, and the power and holds of our adversary were completely broken.—God wonderfully blessed the saints at this place. There were 4 saved, 2 sanctified, 4 received the Holy Ghost, and 6 followed the Lord in water baptism. The writer did most of the preaching. Pray for the Lord to continue to bless the work in this district, and for the salvation of many lost souls.—J. L. Dillingham, Covington, Tenn.

THOUGH OPPOSED GOD BLESSES

STRAWN, Tex. (August 28th)—Brothers M. E. Drake and J. B. Ellis and I are here in a meeting having large crowds listening at the Word of God as it is being given out under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. In spite of the fact that a negro minstrel put up a tent on the lot next to us, we went on in the work of the Lord and He is blessing us good. Though souls, seemingly, does not get through to God easily as they used to, we expect God to do wonderful things for the saints of Him. Pray for the Lord to wonderfully bless His work at this place.—Mollie L. Wilson, Strawn, Tex.

SOWING SEED—REAP IN FUTURE

WYNNE, Ark.—Brother Emmitt Taylor has just closed a six-days' meeting held at the Wynne church. He did some good preaching, sowing seed that we believe will in the near future bring forth fruit for the Lord. The Lord wonderfully blessed in the meeting and there were shouting, dancing, and talking in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. Brother Taylor is a fine speaker and the Lord wonderfully blessed in the giving out of the Word. Pray for the little band of saints at Wynne.—Mrs. Dora Neal, Clerk, Wynne, Ark.

NOTICES

NOTICE TO CHURCHES IN MISSISSIPPI

Our state overseer is in the state visiting the churches and doing all he can for the work in general, and as finances is short I ask pastors to insist that all the members pay tithes, and for the churches to take up freewill offerings for him. He is on fire for God and doing good in the state. May the Lord bless the saints in Mississippi.—J. C. Lentz, District Overseer, Houston, Miss.

This is to notify all the Churches of God that the credentials of E. D. Johnson, formerly of Walbridge, Ohio, has been called for.—E. Haynes, State Overseer.

The Church of God at Hebron, Mississippi, wishes to hear from Sister N. M. Glass stating her spiritual condition. She was last heard from at Grace, Miss., sometime last year.—Mrs. Mary Tidwell, Clerk, Tomnolen, Miss.

Those desiring to write to me, please note my address below and address mail to same.—M. C. Ward, 15 Franklin St., Greer, S. C.

I desire to attend the annual Assembly of the Churches of God to be held in Cleveland Tenn., Oct. 29th to Nov. 4th. Should there be any one going from Louisiana or Texas who could make arrangement for me to go with them, I would be willing to bear my part of the expense, and be glad to go with you. Should this interest anyone, please correspond with me at once.—D. B. Powers, Dequency, La.

We would like to have a man and wife, members of the Church of God in good standing, with a tent to come to Floral City, Florida, and run a revival. We will take care of you, and the Lord, I am sure, will bless you. If you are interested write me at once.—W. A. Sullivan, District Overseer, Linden, Fla.

SOUTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The camp meeting here began August 2nd and continued through the 10th Brothers J. W. Culpepper and T. S. Payne were the speakers and S. D. Cooper the manager of the services. The services were opened with prayer by all as the Lord led, after which our state overseer made a wonderful talk in behalf of the people living for the glory of God, and many seemed to be revived. Several were saved, some sanctified, and 1 received the Holy Ghost. Brother Culpepper preached till Monday night, after which Brother T. S. Payne took the services in charge till Saturday night.

Brother Payne made some wonderful talks using different Scriptures, and the people of Columbia fell deeply in love with him for his judgment and way of conducting the services—it has been said by many that he is the best posted man on the Scriptures that has spoken here in many years, and we have never had a man in the Church of God to speak to us that is his equal in the knowledge of the Word. We would have been glad if it had been so he could have stayed with us 30 days or longer; for we feel if he could have done so this town would have been stirred sure enough. But we hope the day is not far away when Brother Payne can come back to Columbia and spend at least 30 days here with us,—may God's richest blessings rest upon him and his work.

We had several speakers with us during the meeting, and we continued the meeting through the 24th by Brothers J. M. Rumbley and R. H. Rasmussen and others. This sure was a grand meeting—there were 22 saved, 2 sanctified, 1 received the Holy Ghost, and 2 were added to the Church of God and the saints at this place were made to rejoice in the Lord for His many blessings bestowed upon them.

Though the enemy tried very hard to defeat the work of the Lord here, the saints would pray and the Lord gave the victory. May all who read this pray for the church here and for our state overseer, J. W. Culpepper who has had some hard afflictions in his home. May the dear Lord help and bless his work everywhere.—B. E. Stukes.

Forthcoming Meetings

We expect to have a state convention at the Freewill church, or some call it William Springs church, beginning on the Friday night before the first Sunday in October. We hope all the churches in the state will be represented, and as many of the ministers that can will be present. We would like for the district overseers to prepare them an appropriate banner or program for this occasion, and insist for all the members who can to attend. We hope to have our General Overseer with us if possible. This church is three miles from Stewart, Mississippi. For further information write E. B. Culpepper, State Overseer, or O. C. Childress, Stewart, Miss.

We expect to have meeting every night conducted by Brother E. W. Williams and other good speakers filled with the Holy Ghost to assist him. The meeting will be held on the corner of 10th St. and Florida Ave., Jacksonville, Florida. We ask for every reader of the Evangel to pray for the Holy Ghost to have control, and that many souls be saved and added to the Church of God.—L. R. Waters.

TESTIMONY

I praise the Lord for salvation, the salvation that picks a person up out of the sins of this world and sets his feet on the solid rock, Christ Jesus. Glory to God! He saved my soul from sin and on the Sunday evening of July 13, 1924, He sanctified my soul by His precious blood. And in about two weeks in an orange grove where about six were seeking the Lord He wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Glory to Jesus! I have a deep determination to go all the way and do His precious will at all times. I desire the prayers of the saints that I will stand true and be a soul winner for the Lord.—Mrs. Bertie Gibbens, Bartow, Fla.

TWO SAVED—GOD BLESSES

BALD KNOB, Ark.—I began a meeting here August 2nd and closed 17th, in which the Lord wonderfully blessed. There were 2 saved, 1 reclaimed, 7 baptized in water, and 7 were added to the church. Twelve Ku Klux visited our meeting and donated \$15.00, for which we are thankful and appreciate their visit. May the Lord bless the dear saints at this place.—W. V. Johnson, Bald Knob, Ark.

REVIVAL INTEREST IS STILL BURNING

CAIRO, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing us over here. Brother G. S. Scott, our pastor, opened fire on the enemy the second Sunday in July, and the second week Brother E. B. Culpepper came over and helped us. Though he had to leave us, the Lord filled one with the Holy Ghost while he was here. After he left Brother J. W. Culpepper came and helped in his place; so the enemy saw that we were not going to give up till the Lord did really bless many souls with the blessing of salvation. The devil had to back off and let the Lord bless!

There were several saved, sanctified, and two received the Holy Ghost. One of those who received the Holy Ghost was old grandmother Horton, 77

NEW FIELD—MANY ANXIOUS

BRADFORD, Ark.—We closed a meeting here August 31st which began the 18th, in which the Lord wonderfully blessed and saved 5, sanctified 2, and filled 2 with the Holy Ghost, and there were 6 who followed the Lord in water baptism. This was a new field and there are many looking toward the Church of God at this place.

years of age, and she came in the Church. Thank the Lord, the revival interest is better than ever before, and there are many people looking toward the Church of God here at this place. We praise the Lord for the service rendered by Brothers J. W. and E. B. Culpepper, and pray God's blessing upon them in their labors for Him. We thank God for our pastor, G. S. Scott, who is so firm and bold for the right.—D. W. Mills, Clerk, R. 1, Cairo, Ga.

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Good Prospects For Oklahoma

AS a Result of the Meeting a Church of God Was Set in Order with 16 Members

CRESCENT, Okla.—I feel like sounding a note of praise this morning to almighty God for His goodness and loving kindness to me. I want to say I am prouder than ever before that I am a member of the Church of God—the Church where God chose to put His name. Hallelujah!

Some time about the middle of July, I started from Joplin, Missouri, with my family to fight for God and His Church in the state of Oklahoma, and God surely started with us and has been with us all the way up to the present time, although, the devil has roared and fought from the first; God has given wonderful victory, and we feel that much has been accomplished for God and His Church in Oklahoma. We first pitched a camp at Rock Creek school, two and one-half miles from Ravia, where God gave us a wonderful meeting. Then we moved into Ravia and in spite of the devil's hindrances, the Lord helped and gave us the victory and the saints are built up and now love the Church of God and her divine government better than ever before.

From there we went to Bee-Bee, Oklahoma, where we found the people starving for the truth of God's Word, and as we began to send forth the Word under the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, the people for miles around began to see the truth. And they continued coming until we had over a thousand people at every service. I never saw people so hungry in all my life. We made a host of friends while there and we intend to go back later on, the Lord willing. We did not set a church in order, however, as we find it best not to be in too big a haste about this matter; but I am confident we will get a church later on.

While at Ravia, Brother A. S. Eason of Comanche was with us for three days, and we found him to be a real man of God and preacher—if we can get a few more preachers like A. S. Eason and E. H. Nelson in Oklahoma, we will surely win the state for the Church of God. The churches are all now in real good shape, and a better opportunity for the Church of God than ever before.—I want to say now, any preacher desiring to make a change this coming year, just come on over and begin helping us or come to the General Assembly prepared to come right on out to Oklahoma, and I am sure the Lord will give you souls for your hire; for the whole state of Oklahoma is looking toward the Church of God. With much love to all the saints, I remain your unworthy servant in Jesus.—J. M. Viney, State Overseer.

TESTIMONY

I feel impressed to write a few lines to the Evangel, as I don't believe it will be long until Jesus will come and take His own with Him. I want to be one of them that shall rise and meet the Lord in the air where there will be no more trials nor sorrow or any such thing, but will all be peace and happiness. It makes me feel good in my soul now. Praise God! I am so glad I ever found this way. The old apostles and Jesus walked in it.

I am glad for the time I got humble enough to step out on the promises of God and take Him at His Word, and I want all the praying people to pray for me that I may ever stand true to the faith that I have in Him. I want to do the things that He would have me do, and be ready to meet Him when He comes.—Mrs. Bertha Crutchfield, Avon Park, Fla.

SAINTS BLESSED— 10 MEMBERS ADDED

PRINCETON, W. Va.—On August 15th we started a revival here with Brother D. R. Moreland, State Evangelist, in charge. Eternity alone will tell the good accomplished. There were several saved and sanctified. 5 received the Holy Ghost, 12 baptized in water and 10 were added to the church. Brother Moreland could only stay with us seventeen days but we surely did appreciate him and his family being with us, and we hope the time will soon come when he can be with us again. We would like to have a real Church of God preacher who is in full fellowship and standing four-square for the Church of God, to conduct a revival. One in full fellowship may apply, otherwise need not; for these people at Princeton are real Church of God folks—they go to church on prayer-meeting night, and in a revival they are ready to work,—they sing, shout, dance, and talk in other tongues. Why do they shout? Because they live the life and pay tithes and offerings. Pray for the church. —F. W. Rollins, Pastor.

GREAT REVIVAL IN NORTH CAROLINA

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soon be forgotten. Brother Garnett McClure and his good wife, upon the arrival of those mentioned in the beginning of the article, threw open the doors of their home to these workers who were permitted to cook, eat, pray, rest and sleep with as much liberty as if they were the sole owners. The Lord gave Sister McClure the Holy Ghost and sanctified her husband during the meeting and they are now in the Church of God. Many other good folk and neighbors assisted in the comfort and care of the workers, by bringing in many good things to eat such as flour, lard, meat, cabbage, potatoes, milk, butter, honey, and other eatables too numerous to mention.

When we sum up the courtesy, kindness and hospitality of this people, and their hearty cooperation in this religious campaign, we do not wonder so much after all at the great outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord, for we are sure these favors and kindnesses flowed from glad hearts that had been longing and hungering for the true gospel.

As a result of the meeting a Church of God was set in order by Brother Sharp, with 16 members and several more to follow. As near as we can estimate about 35 were saved, 25 sanctified and 22 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. 13 followed the Lord in water baptism. All of these were new converts and were most all grown folk.

Tongue and words cannot describe the favors and blessings that the Lord bestowed on the people during this meeting. The final baptismal service, held in the early forenoon of August 26th, was attended by a large crowd of people from different parts of the country. The Lord surely did bless in this service. While the sun was beaming bright rays of blessing down upon the earth and upon the people who had gathered on the bank of the beautiful stream to witness this sacred service and example of our Master, the glory and presence of the Lord was also shining forth from many happy hearts.

Immediately after this service prayer, songs, testimonies, shouts, praises, hearty hand-claps, God-bless-yous, tears of joy and good-byes were in order on every hand. Even the automobile motors seemed to rejoice, and as they softly glided off the beautiful little spot of ground where the Lord had so wonderfully blessed, carrying Brother Sharp and his corps of workers, with one accord, almost the entire gathering of people, both saints and sinners, waved a happy farewell. Long live the memory of this, the work of God.—Glover P. Ledford.

Obedience Vs. Disobedience

"TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE"

By A. Gann

This is a subject that needs to be considered, as our eternal salvation depends upon it; also our position in the world to come. If our fore-parents had been perfectly obedient, God's plan throughout the ages would have been perfected. Viz. that die, even so in Christ shall all be a holy race; and Satan's plan been thwarted. But alas! man became disobedient and fell: so death passed upon all the human family. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (1 Cor. 15:22.)

The devil wins a temporary victory here; but God immediately begins a plan to redeem man, and place him in his former estate, by promising a Savior, who would give His life as a propitiation for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world. Now through obedience we accept this atonement, which was the sacrifice of His life (the blood) for us.

Jesus paid the debt, and all we have to do is to accept life through Him: physical death was passed upon all men through the fall, now, through the death of Christ spiritual life is given to all who accept the consequences of a paid debt.

We were all made sinners through the disobedience of Adam and it seems to be the natural inclination of man every since that time to disobey. But we thank God, for Christ who was obedient even unto death that we might be made righteous. "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." (Rom. 5:19.)

There seems to be from the study of the Word a particular class of people who are disobedient, in so much that they are called the "children of disobedience," and they are already promised that the wrath of God shall be poured out upon them. Now the children of disobedience will commit fornication, adultery, be unclean, be idolaters; in fact not have the fear of God before their eyes, but will be partakers of every form of sin recorded in holy writ. "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

There has been a family of this kind all down through the ages, beginning with the angels who fell from their first estate, and "who are now reserved in chains of darkness unto the judgment of the great day." And it seems that there is a class of folks appointed for this very purpose. "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed." (1 Pet. 2:7,8.)

We can truly say that disobedience is the foundation of everything that is bad. It is a spirit that has gone forth working havoc in the homes through the children: who ever saw children as disobedient to parents as they are today? Working havoc in the church, disobedient to everyone in authority, speaking evil of dignities, disobedient to the spirit of God, not having the fear of God any more? Wives disobedient to their husbands, divorce courts filled every day with applications for divorces, men and women marrying contrary to the Word, thereby committing adultery, all because of this old spirit that has gone forth. Men and women do not regard the laws of God any more, but have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward. Surely it's like it was in the days of Noah. God through

believe their opinion is right in defiance of the Word and what it says about it, but such are always weak in spirit.

How can we claim to be Abraham's children when we won't do the works of Abraham? A lot of people are trying to go to heaven on the credit system nowadays. Oh! "yes, I believe in paying the preacher," you say. Now does the preacher know it, as you never give him anything? And the ones who pay tithes always give the most offerings. Then the Bible doesn't say for you to pay the preacher but God has a plan and you should work according to what He says. Methinks there will be many robbers go up before God saying, "We have done many wonderful works in thy name, and in thy name have cast out devils, etc."

But we will hear the answer, "Depart I never knew you." A lot of people are perfectly obedient if it doesn't cost them anything, but when it means a little sacrifice they begin to look for a loop-hole of some kind for an excuse no wonder the boll weevil gets the cotton, the potato bugs the potatoes, the beetle bug the beans, the cattle tick the cattle, and sickness in the home and first one calamity and then another befalling the people. No wonder men and women are lean in their souls; no wonder we can't trust the Lord with our bodies when we get sick; no wonder the world is starving for the gospel, because the Levites fail to go to the fields. God is going to hold somebody responsible for these conditions. These are all the consequences of disobedience.

True obedience is to obey without knowing why, just obey because it is prompted by the right spirit. So the marriage at Cana of Galilee they had used up all the wine and when Jesus's mother was informed about it, she said "Whatsoever he saith unto you do it." So Jesus commanded them to fill the water pots with water. They didn't question Him, but immediately obeyed not knowing why. "Now draw out and bear to the governor of the feast." And when they obeyed they found the water turned to wine, the best wine they had had. That's the way it ought to be with us, when our supply of wine (sanctification) runs low, just obey His voice and receive another supply.

Oh! the blessedness of obedience, how free from condemnation you feel when you have obeyed every command of God perfectly. Oh! the joy that is poured into your soul; how much you feel like being translated; how closely related to God we feel, when we have kept all His commandments. He said He

would "pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sake, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts." (Mal. 3:10-12.)

The angels hover over the obedient ones and leads them in the way. God forbid that we should insult Him or drive Him away. Listen what a wonderful promise; (Ex. 23:20—) "Behold I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not, for he will not pardon your transgressions, for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.***And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. (Ex. 23:20-25.) Obedience brings about the healing of our bodies." How easy it is to trust the Lord when we have perfectly obeyed Him, we don't think we could conscientiously ask for healing and at the same time be disobedient. But He has promised to take sickness away from among us for our obedience.

Oh! how grand the promises of God for our obedience: if we will only harken to His voice. Hear what He says to Israel, it was literal to them under the old covenant, but it is spiritual to us under the new. "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt harken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt harken unto the voice of the Lord thy God." (Deut. 28:1-2.) Please hear Him as He goes on and promises so many different ways and places we will be blessed. "Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep."

But He doesn't stop here, but just pours us out great basketsful and storefuls. "Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou

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Bible School

Recently you noticed an article from our dear Brother Ellis stating that he would be unable to teach the Bible School on account of his eyes failing him. Brother Ellis was very sorry to have to do this, but his eyes have given him trouble for many years, and the strain on them from having to read the small print of the books in the School was too much for them; therefore, he has made this announcement that he can no longer hold the School.

We are very sorry of this, and would be glad that all would hold him up in prayer until the Lord delivers him. He was a splendid Bible teacher, and the students like him. I am sure that if his eyes had permitted he would have made a grand success of the School. He was reluctant about accepting the School last year for fear his eyes would fail, but we almost forced it on him. He is now on his way to the Western States to devote his time to evangelistic work.

Many have been enquiring about the Bible School. We will announce here that the School will begin immediately after the close of the Assembly in November, unless there is some providential hindrance of which we know nothing of at the present.

The dormitory will run as usual, also private board may be had. The books will not be so very expensive, and we expect to have competent teachers.

Now if you are contemplating attending, please correspond with me at once. We are hoping to make this work a great success.

F. J. LEE, General Overseer.

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LORD TEACH US TO PRAY

Prevailing Prayer Brings Things to Pass

By Ethel Crow

"There appears to be no man big enough to stay the rising tide of disaster. God alone can save. In prayer alone is hope. The American people must get down on their knees.

That sounds like a Church of God preacher, but it is not. It is the words of the Editor of one of our large city dailies, a writer of national reputation. If men of the world realize existing conditions, a mighty challenge to prayer, what about the Church of the living God?

If ever the Church stood in need of prayer it is today. Last-day perils are upon us, unspeakable crimes are being committed, society's standards are being lowered, the very foundation of the home is menaced, conditions within the Churches as well as without, constitute a call to earnest, persevering and prevailing prayer.

It is a great truth, prayer changes things. The greatest thing any man or woman can do for humanity is to pray. God does not make such great promises as "ask and ye shall receive," and "if ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it," without making it plain and definite upon what conditions they are based. John, 15:7, tells us:

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." 1 John, 3: 21-22: "Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." He knew the Father heard Him. The only prayer anyone in sin has any promise of answer to is "God be merciful to me a sinner." All the blessings of God are conditioned on obedience.

God refused to hear the prayer of Judah, because they would not obey His Word. They observed feasts called Solemn Assemblies, offered sacrifices, burned incense, and offered many prayers; but they were a weariness to God. He could not hear their prayers while they openly violated His Word. He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." (Proverbs, 28:9.)

The disciples came to Jesus with the request "Lord teach us to pray." Their hearts had been deeply stirred by the Savior's prayer. In answer Jesus repeated the prayer as He had given in the sermon on the Mount, then He illustrates the lesson He desires to teach them by a parable: Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight and say unto him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me and I have nothing to set before him," and he from within shall answer and say, "Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed, I cannot rise and give thee." I say unto you though he will not rise and give him because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

Christ's lesson in regard to prayer is worthy of our careful consideration. His illustrations bring to view principals we all need to understand. Notice the man was asking, that he might give again. He must obtain the bread or he could not supply the necessities of a weary belated traveler. Though his neighbor is unwilling to be troubled, he does not cease pleading.

At last his importunity is rewarded, his wants supplied. So in like manner we are to seek blessings from God. We must receive spiritual food or we will have nothing to impart. The man whose friend came to him had nothing to give, but he went to one who had food. So Jesus directs us to the never-failing source of supply.

Our prayers must not be selfish. We are to ask (and receive), that is, the true spirit of prayer, then He teaches the ne-

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that we are not entangled with something that will keep us from knowing the true doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ. How well the writer remembers when a boy, on one Sunday morning. We were preparing to attend preaching service, and had our whole mind on going to Church. O, we were so enthused; and making haste to get off. Right in the midst of all this hurry one of the women fainted. Some ran for camphor and some for water; and we all got so excited over the matter, and I don't remember whether we went to Church or not; but there was such a stir that we forgot about church, God and everything else; but camphor and water. That is just the way with a lot of people today with their knowledge of the doctrine of Jesus; the devil can come around with almost any little thing and cause such an excitement that it even causes many to forget the Words of Jesus, and be at sea about the true doctrine. Then it is the pleasure of the wicked one to instill into the minds of that people the false doctrine.

Jesus is the great leader and if we are living right we know His voice when He speaks and can follow the right. "And when he putteth forth his sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him for they know his voice." (John, 10:4.)

We know that it means a lot to follow this great baptism (Jesus) and be able to recognize His voice when heard. May we (if not already) go down and get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost that we may be equipped for service, and with the means whereby we can recognize the voice of this Jesus (our shepherd) and follow His precepts.

May the dear Lord help us to be awake and on the alert that we let not the words of Him slip from our ears; but that we will be the more awake and listening for a word from our Shepherd. May the Lord help us to keep our minds stayed on Him; and our hearts fixed toward heaven. Amen.

cessity of perseverance in presenting our request to Him and assures us of His willingness to hear and answer our prayers.

The selfish neighbor granted his request to rid himself of one who disturbs his rest, but he shows the contrast, God is full of compassion and delights to give.

We are His blood bought children, He teaches us to call Him "our Father." Earthly parents love their children, but God loves us with a love deeper and stronger than human. All who obey Him may with confidence claim His promise; all who truly seek shall truly find Him. The excuse will not be "Trouble me not the door is now shut"—all who beg at midnight for loaves to feed the hungry souls will be rewarded. Our God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory, by Jesus Christ.

In the parable the man was again and again repulsed but he did not give up. So our prayers are not always answered immediately, but Christ teaches us not to cease to pray; but we must show a firm undeviating trust in God. Then having asked according to His Word, we should believe His promise and press our petitions with a determination that will not be denied. Our prayers are or should be as earnest and persistent as the petition of the needy friend who asked for the loaves at midnight. All that Christ received from the Father we too may have.

His life has shown what humanity can do by being partakers of divine nature. Then let us ask and receive all that God has promised.

People Stirred—Penitent Stricken

HATCHIE, Tenn.—We have closed a ten-days' meeting here in which the Word was given out in great power, and the eyes of the people were opened to the truths of God in a marvelous way; and the powers of the adversary were annihilated causing a stir for miles away. Some fell under the power of

Regeneration or The New Birth

I Hope Every One Will See That Regeneration Precedes Sanctification

By A. Gann

GENERATE means to produce, to get, to engender, to procreate, originate.

REGENERATE to give new life: Re to do again.

REGENERATION and BORN AGAIN are synonymous: both mean to impart spiritual life.

It is evident there are two births spoken of in the Word, viz: the natural, and the birth of the Spirit; the natural, or earthly, is of the earth; but the spiritual is from heaven. The former imparts natural life, but the latter imparts new life from above.

John, 3:3-8: Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

It is very plain from the above that there are two births. A very good type of a REGENERATED man is Abraham's home after the birth of the two sons. Ishmael is the type of the natural of fleshly and is the elder; Isaac is a type of the spiritual promised seed, and is the younger; but it was impossible for both to dwell in the same home in peace—one or the other had to go. So Ishmael was sent away in order for little Isaac to develop. The two were antagonistic to each other: the old big Ishmael made sport of the little Isaac; just like the old big natural man abuses the little spiritual man.

A CLOSE WALK WITH JESUS

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will keep us so that we can bear the fruit of the VINE (Jesus) which is the fruit of the spirit. (Gal. 5:22.)

Many times there are words spoken, kind deeds done, and a smile to the friendless that we have no thought of, at the time; but it may be the cause of that soul turning to Christ. We should always let the fruit of the Vine continue to grow on the branches that there may be good accomplished.

May the dear Lord help us to live CLOSE to HIM, and prove to the world the reality in religion.

repentance and others were sanctified, and many realized the presence of the Lord with us in a wonderful way. Pray for God's will to be done here and for these big hearted people to give heed to the things that they have heard, "lest they let them slip away." May the Lord bless and comfort these, His children. Pray for me.—J. L. Dillingham, Covington, Tenn.

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tance of sitting steady in the ship; and many expressed themselves as sitting very steady. After the sermon the altar was filled with 33 seekers. We next had a financial report of each church which shows the work in Louisiana as getting along good. At the last the state overseer, Brother T. A. Richard, preached and many were blessed

OBEDIENCE Vs. DISOBEDIENCE

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comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out." Just look as the writer proceeds, "the Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways. The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in the storehouses, and in all that thou setteth thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways. And all the people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee. * * * And the Lord shall make thee the head; and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only."

This implies that no one will be above but God's holy people, and that they will be called by His name (Church of God). Wonderful, doesn't begin to express what we can be through obedience. What excellent promises are offered for obedience. Isaiah said, "if ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land". If ye are not obedient enough, we need to suffer some more; for Christ learned obedience by the things He suffered. So there is something to be learned through suffering: crucify the self-will and it will be a good beginning.

After the disobedience of Adam, God had to remove him from the garden of Eden, to keep him from putting forth his hand and partaking of the "tree of life" and living for ever. After he had told him "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Of course, He was speaking of the tree of knowledge. Adam had to be expelled to keep him away from the "tree of life." Now you see that the "tree of life" had a life giving power. We find there is only one way to have access to this power, and that is through perfect obedience. Oh! that immortal life; that spiritual life; that incorruptible life; that life like the angels; that living forever life; the sons of God; forever with our Lord.

thereby, and five were added to the Church thereafter.

This brought the convention to a close with the thought of the Assembly before us. Praise the Lord! This convention was well attended there being close to two thousand people from all parts of the country, and I must say the work in Louisiana is going on in spite of the devil and his forces. The work is rising and shining for the Lord. We have built a new church in this district and many other good things are happening.

The people are paying their tithes and expecting God to do what He said He would; and many of the people are proving Him to be as He said, and we are looking for greater things from Him. We are truly looking for the gifts to be poured out in the near future; and I firmly believe we have one now, for the happenings are past my comprehension. Every man whom one man laid his hands on were convicted and one sinner received the Holy Ghost. Some of the members were not living just right and they confessed and got right with God. I tell you this is the time when we must have the goods; the Lord is tired of children's play.

The meeting is still going on and I don't know when we will stop it. Twenty-eight have received the Holy Ghost and the altar is filled with seekers, and the country is stirred; and sinners are getting the blessing; and declaring this is the Bible way. I am going to preach the Word harder and better than ever before and if you see me at the next General Assembly you can say there is one who did not compromise with the devil. Praise the Lord!

Glory! we feel that power now, that transforming power; that translating power; that will take us to meet our Lord; how we want to eat of the fruit of the "tree of life," that stands in the midst of the paradise of God; how we want to be like Jesus, who was obedient unto death even the death of the cross. How we want to fall at His feet and worship Him and help crown Him Lord of all. We feel like saying anything; any way Lord, we will do it, any sacrifice you may make we will make it. We can't count our lives dear unto us when there is so much to be done; when so many souls need the gospel. We feel just now like the prophet who said "Here am I, send me." I place my all at your service; I will be obedient to those over me in the Lord; I will obey every practice and teaching of your body here on earth.

If Paul and the other apostles received a better resurrection by obedience, why can't we. How can we expect to go through on flowery beds of ease "while others have fought to win the prize and sailed through

bloody seas." Rev. 22:14-16. "Blessed are they that do the commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

Oh! the blessed consequences of obedience. It is inexpressible and full of glory; joy beyond compare, Amen.

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